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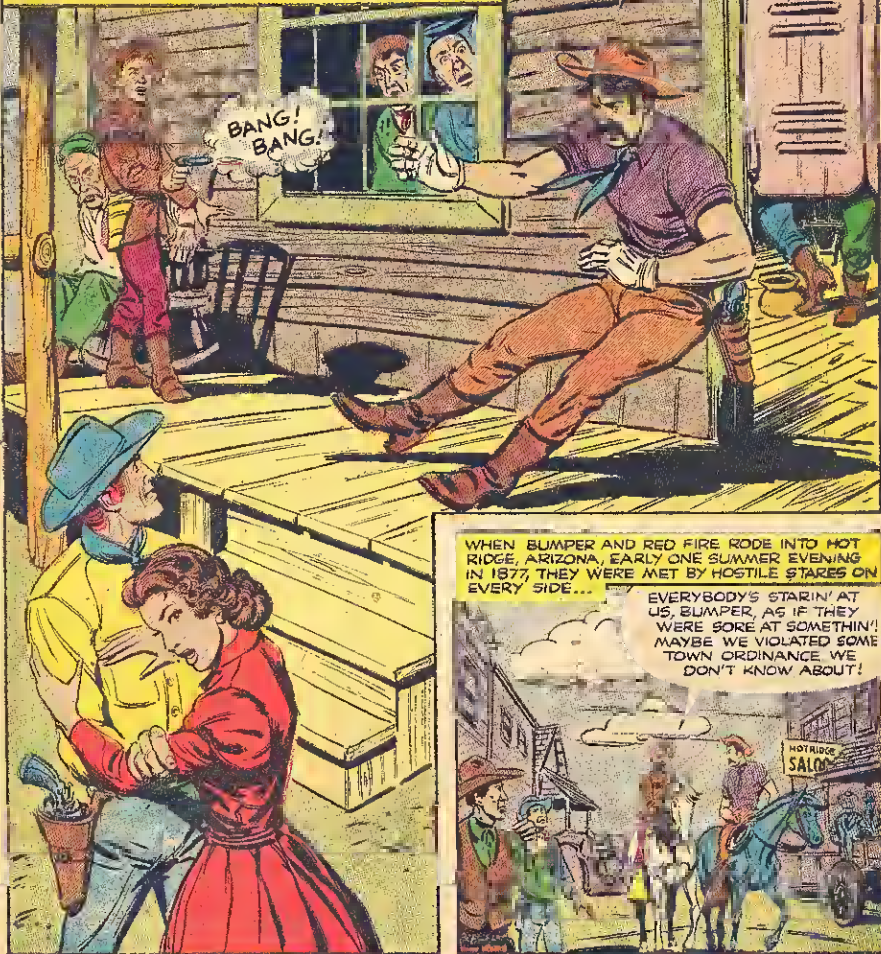
RED FIRE

IN "THE BULLET THAT KILLED TWO MEN"

CAN THIS BE TRUE? HAS RED FIRE KILLED HIS PAL, BUMPER? IT MUST BE SO—YET, THE STRANGEST FACT OF ALL IS THAT THE SAME BULLET KILLED ANOTHER MAN IN ANOTHER CITY! WHAT IS THE MYSTERY THAT SURROUNDS RED FIRE'S MIRACULOUS MARKSMANSHIP? CAN TWO MEN AT THE SAME TIME DIE IN DIFFERENT PLACES FROM THE SAME BULLET?

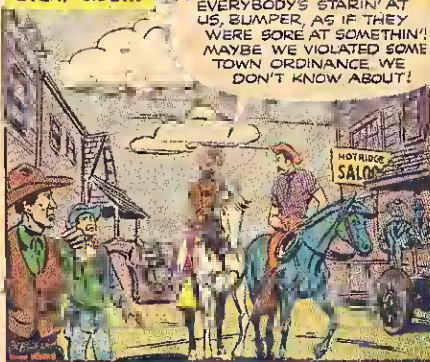
RED FIRE! DON'T KILL ME! PLEASE! AARGHH...

BANG! BANG!

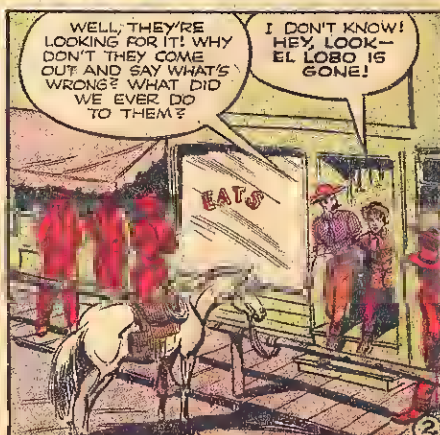
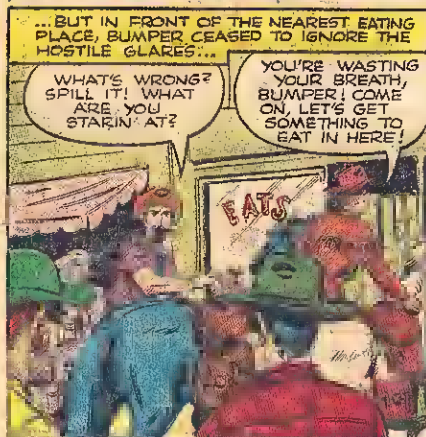


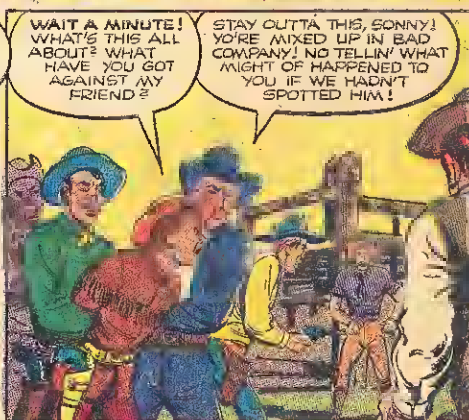
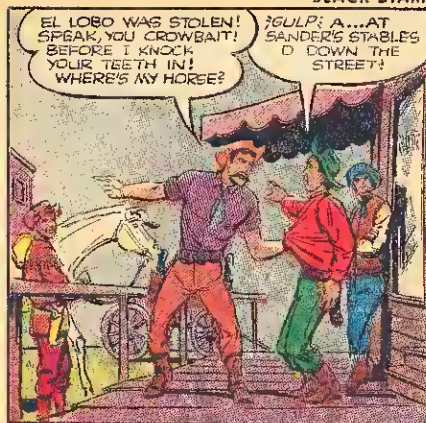
WHEN BUMPER AND RED FIRE RODE INTO HOT RIDGE, ARIZONA, EARLY ONE SUMMER EVENING IN 1877, THEY WERE MET BY HOSTILE STARES ON EVERY SIDE...

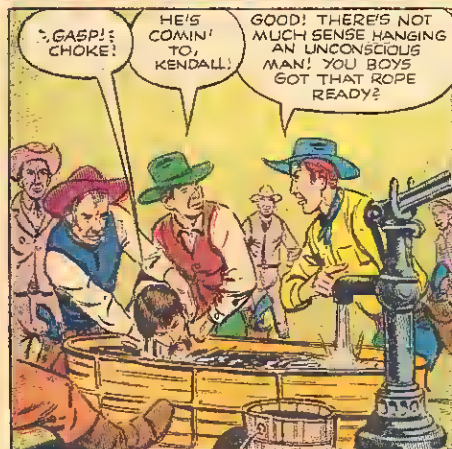
EVERYBODY'S STARIN' AT US, BUMPER, AS IF THEY WERE SORE AT SOMETHIN'! MAYBE WE VIOLATED SOME TOWN ORDINANCE WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT!



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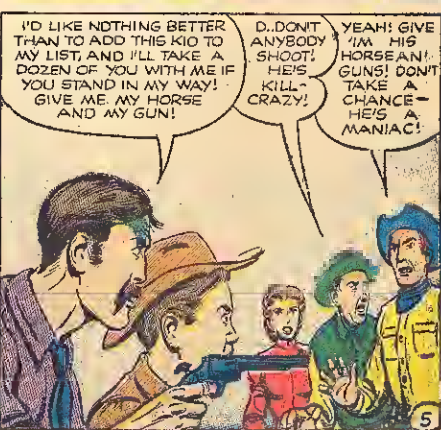
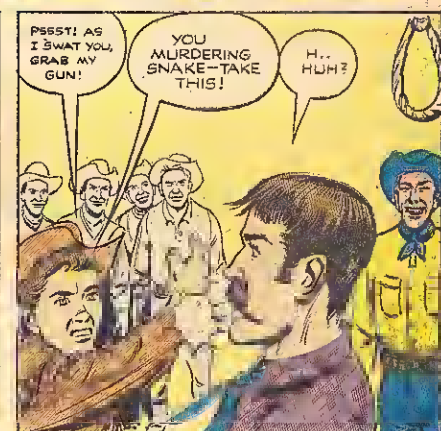
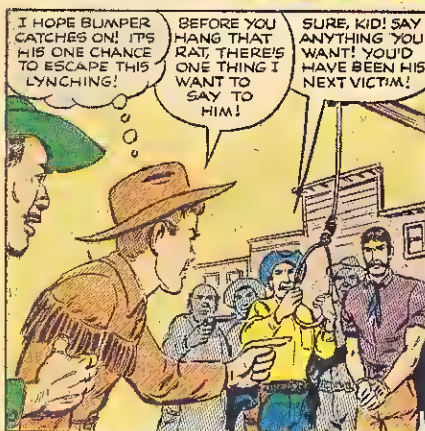
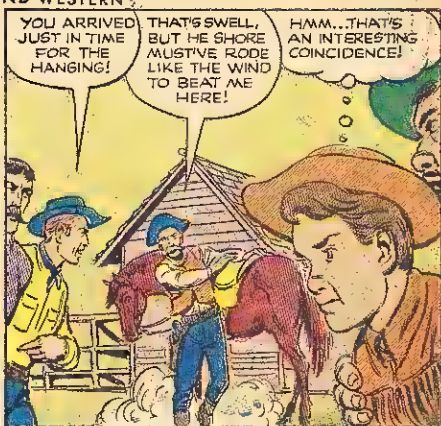






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SUDDENLY, AN ASTONISHED FIGURE ENTERS THE CROWD...



BUT AS RED FIRE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING...

SURE, I WAS IN HOT RIDGE TWO YEARS AGO! BUT I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE! I WORKED OUT A BUSINESS DEAL WITH JIM CRANE! CRANE WAS ALIVE WHEN I LEFT HIM!

YOU'RE A LIAR! YOU'RE TRYIN' TO WEASEL YOUR NECK OUT OF A NOOSE!

WAIT-BUMPER! WHAT WAS THIS DEAL, LAMSON?

CRANE OWNED AN LIXEY-PLIOTED MINE WHICH HE'D COMMISSIONED ME TO SELL FOR HIM! NOBODY KNEW ABOUT THE DEAL EXCEPT CRANE'S FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW, TED KENDALL, AND ME!



I MADE THE DEAL AND TURNED OVER \$4,500 TO CRANE WHO SEEMED VERY HAPPY WITH THE DEAL...

JANE THINKS I'M PENNILESS! SHE'LL SURE BE SURPRISED WHEN I BUY HER A RANCH FOR A WEDDING PRESENT, EH, TED?

YOU SAID IT, JIM! EVERYBODY THINKS YOU'RE BROKE!



I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK THIS WAY FOR TWO YEARS - TILL NOW! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW JIM CRANE WAS MURDERED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, RED FIRE?

HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH! HOT RIDGE CONDEMNED THIS MAN ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE!



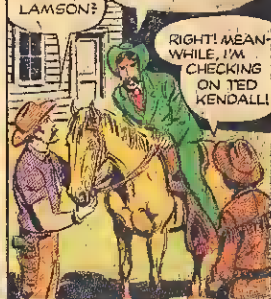
I'VE GOT AN IDEA WHO IS GUILTY - BUT FIRST, WE'LL HAVE TO PROVE IT!



TEN MINUTES LATER, AFTER DAVE LAMSON, THE ACCUSED MAN SADDLES UP...

YOU GOT THE WHOLE SCHEME STRAIGHT NOW, LAMSON?

YEP, I HEAD BACK TO HOT RIDGE BY A BACK ROUTE AND WAIT THERE TILL YOU RETURN WITH A POSSE!



RIGHT! MEANWHILE, I'M CHECKING ON TED KENDALL!

AFTER A HALF-HOUR OF LOOKING AROUND GRANGEVILLE FOR SOMEONE WHO KNEW TED KENDALL...

SURE - TED KENDALL'S DONE FINE SINCE HE BOUGHT A RANCH WITH MONEY HE SAID HE GOT FROM A LUCKY GOLD STRIKE!

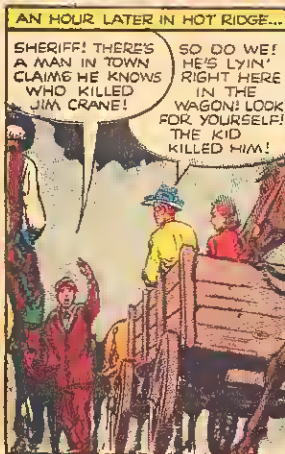
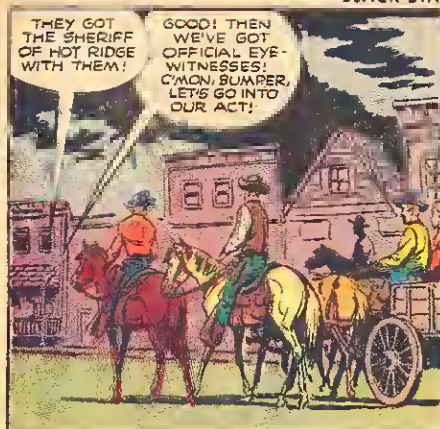
GOLD STRIKE, EH..?



YEP, JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER HIS SISTER'S FIANCÉ WAS DRY-GULCHED BY SOME CRITTER THAT JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED! THAT'S LIFE FOR YUH!

RED FIRE! THE POSSE FROM HOT RIDGE IS COMING!





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NO, KENDALL! I'M THE GHOST OF DAVE LAMSON! YOU KILLED JIM CRANE FOR THE MONEY I GAVE HIM! TWO WEEKS LATER, YOU SAID YOU GOT THE MONEY FROM A GOLD STRIKE!



YOU MADE THE TOWN THINK IT WAS I WHO KILLED JIM CRANE, BUT I AM DEAD NOW, AND THE DEAD ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE TRUTH! EOWW!



GHOST, EH? THIS IS NOTHING BUT A TRAP TO GET ME TO CONFESS TO A MURDER!

A MURDER YOU COMMITTED, KENDALL! YOU BOUGHT A RANCH WITH THE EXACT SUM LAMSON GAVE JIM CRANE!



SO YOU LITTLE MEDDLER! YOU'RE PART OF THIS PLOT, TOO!



GASP! I... I CAN'T FIRE BACK! MY GUN IS FULL OF BLANKS I PRETENDED TO SHOOT SUMNER WITH!



HE'S AIMING TO KILL ME! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO KEEP HIM FROM GETTING CLOSER!



YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, YOU BRAT! I'M GOING TO BLOW YOUR INTERFERING HEAD OFF!

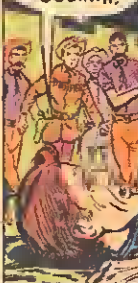


SORRY, KENDALL! YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF.



MOMENTS LATER

I... I'M DONE FOR... GASP! I... I WANT TO GO TO MY GRAVE WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE... I KILLED JIM CRANE... LAMSON IS INNOCENT... COOHHH!



HE'S DEAD! IF NOT FOR YOU, SON, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TRAGIC MISTAKE!



THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN BLACK DIAMOND ARRIVED IN HOT RIDGE...

THE TOWNS-PEOPLE ARE CRAZY ABOUT YOU TWO! IT'S A LONG STORY, BLACK DIAMOND... LET'S JUST SAY BUMPER PRACTICALLY HAD TO KILL HIMSELF TO WIN THEIR AFFECTIONS!



THE END

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WE ASKED YOU TO NAME ALL THE LEV GLEASON COMICS AND TO TELL US IN 50 WORDS OR LESS WHICH YOU LIKE BEST. THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ENTRIES WERE OVERWHELMING AND IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR US TO SELECT THE BEST ENTRIES. BUT NEVERTHELESS, HERE ARE THE WINNERS:

FIRST PRIZE: MARION ROELKE North Arlington, New Jersey

JOHN B. McCULLOUGH, Cleveland 3, Ohio
SOPHIE KRUSZEWSKI, Cudahy, Wisconsin
ROBERT BIGGERT, New London, N. H.
WILLIAM STEVENS, Johnstown, Pa.
NORMAN FISHEL, Baltimore, Md.
GEOFFREY WILLIS, Chico, Calif.
ERNEST MUNGUIA, Raymondville, Texas
ELLEN STROBER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
BOBBY SAYER, Del Rio, Texas
BILL BRETZFELDER, Dayton, Ohio

SECOND PRIZE: CLAUDETTE WATTS Coy, Alabama

MARTIN CURTIE, New Rochelle, New York
EUGENE MANTOVANI, Carbondale, Illinois
DEANNA McGONIGLE, Philadelphia, Pa.
KATHERINE HELVEY, Kingsport, Tenn.
ROLAND BUSICK, Baltimore, Md.
MARY JACOBSON, Rochester, Minn.
EDWARD WILSON, Watervliet, N. Y.
HARRY CARDLER, JR., Henderson, N. C.
ROBERT MOONEY, Stony Brook, L. I., N. Y.
MRS. R. Z. MILLER, La Porte, Texas

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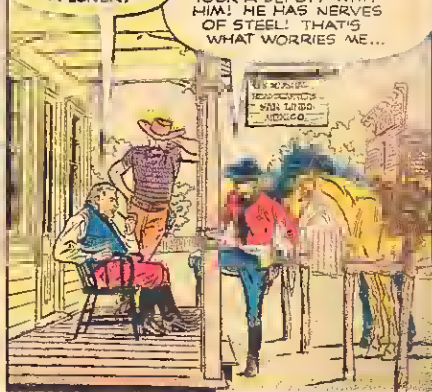
IT IS 1877. IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS AT SAN LINDO, MEXICO, BLACK DIAMOND IS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT A FELLOW GOVERNMENT MARSHAL...

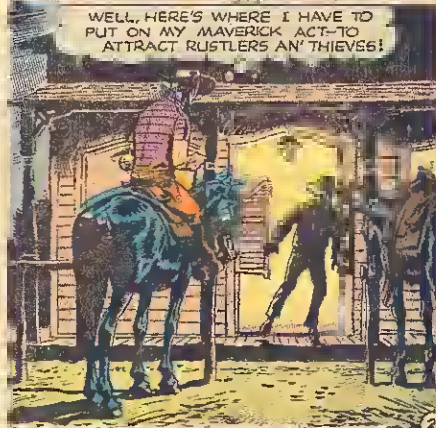
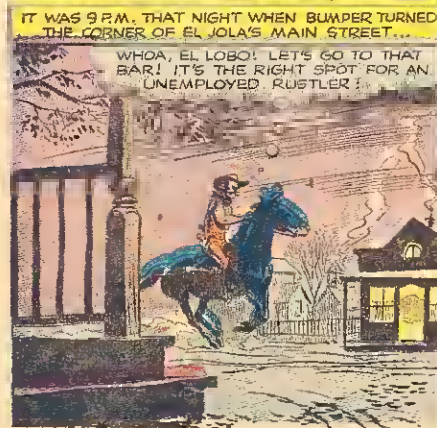
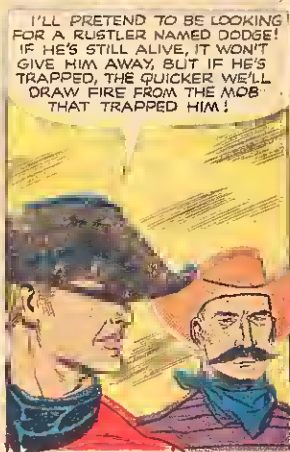
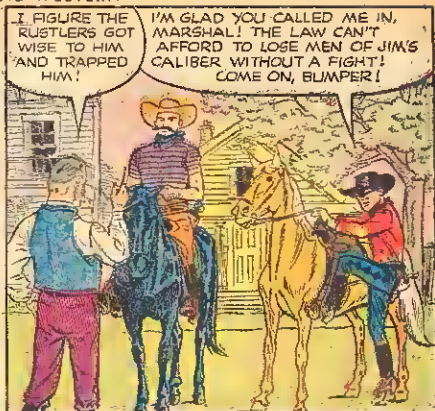
THE LAST I HEARD OF MARSHAL JIM DODGE, DIAMOND, HE WAS IN EL JOLA, TRYING TO UNCOVER A RUSTLING RING THAT'S BEEN DRIVING HERDS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO MEXICO!

DID JIM GO ALONE?

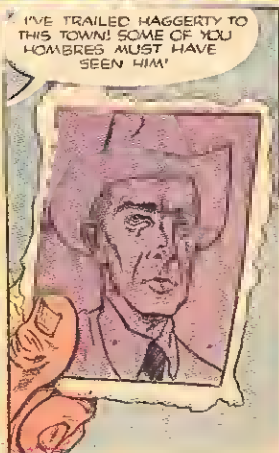
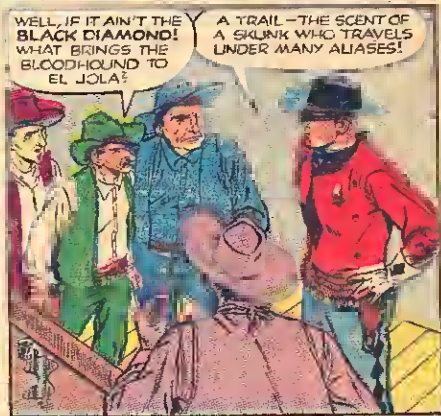
YOU KNOW JIM! HE WAS ALWAYS A LONER!

THAT'S RIGHT, MARSHAL DRAKE! JIM DODGE NEVER TOOK A DEPUTY WITH HIM! HE HAS NERVES OF STEEL! THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME...

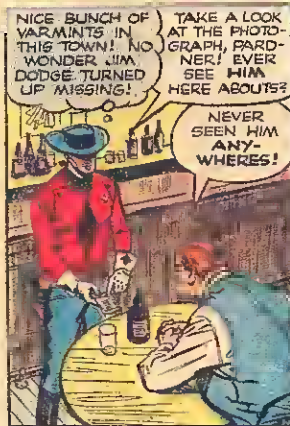
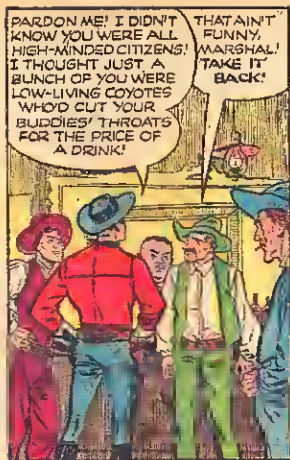




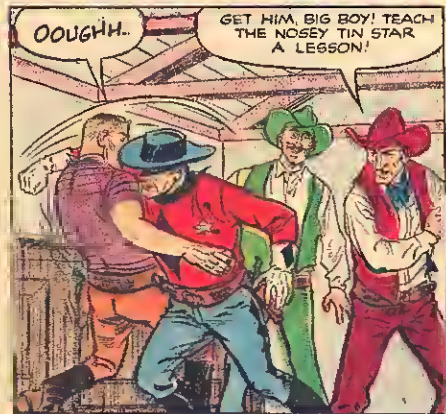
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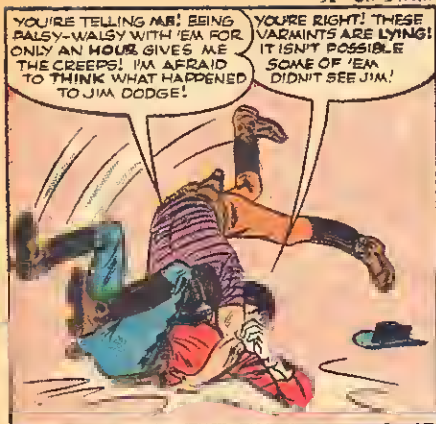


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THEN THE BLACK DIAMOND ACCOSTED AT THE BAR...





YOU'RE TELLING ME! BEING
PALSY-WALSY WITH 'EM FOR
ONLY AN HOUR GIVES ME
THE CREEPS! I'M AFRAID
TO THINK WHAT HAPPENED
TO JIM DODGE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! THESE
VARMINTS ARE LYING!
IT ISN'T POSSIBLE
SOME OF 'EM
DIDN'T SEE JIM!



SOONER OR LATER I'LL FIND
SOMEBODY WHO'LL TALK! WHEN
I DO, YOUR RUSTLER PALS
BETTER LOOK TO THEIR
SHOOTING IRONS!

LET'S HOPE! BUT
DON'T FORGET
THERE'S ONE RUSTLER
WHO'S YOUR
FRIEND!



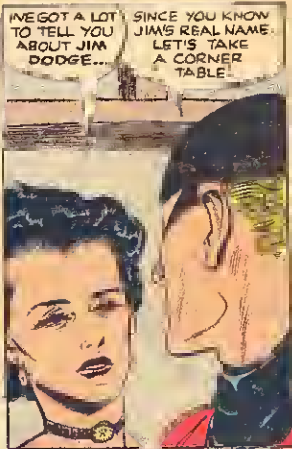
OKAY, BUMPER, PRETEND
YOU'RE HIT FOR THE
KNOCKOUT!

UGH!!



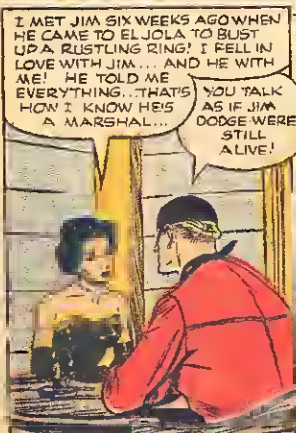
TAKE A LESSON!
ANYBODY WHO
HASN'T GOT CIVIL
ANSWERS FOR CIVIL
QUESTIONS WILL
JOIN HIM ON
THE FLOOR!

VERY NEAT,
MARSHAL!
I ADMIRE
HE-MEN!
CAN A HE-
MAN ADMIRE
A LADY
ENOUGH TO
BUY HER A
DRINK?



I'VE GOT A LOT
TO TELL YOU
ABOUT JIM
DODGE...

SINCE YOU KNOW
JIM'S REAL NAME,
LET'S TAKE
A CORNER
TABLE!



I MET JIM SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN
HE CAME TO EL JOLA TO BUST
UP A RUSTLING RING! I FELL IN
LOVE WITH JIM... AND HE WITH
ME! HE TOLD ME
EVERYTHING... THAT'S
HOW I KNOW HE'S
A MARSHAL...

YOU TALK
AS IF JIM
DODGE WERE
STILL ALIVE!



HE IS! HE'S BEING
HELD AS A HOSTAGE
BY THE RUSTLERS
IN CASE THE LAW
SHOWED UP!
WHAT'S MORE I
KNOW WHERE HE'S
BEING HELD!

TAKE ME
THERE!
THE LAW
WANTS
TO SHOW
UP!

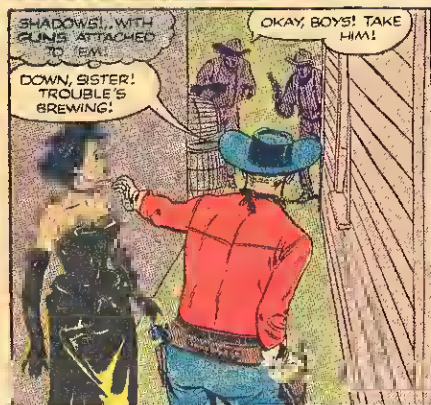
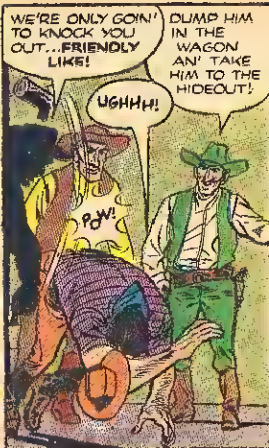


MEANWHILE, IN AN ALLEY NOT
FAR FROM THE SALOON...

THANKS FOR LETTIN
ME JOIN THE GANG,
BOYS! YOU WON'T
BE SORRY

THAT'S
WHAT WE
FIGGER
TOO!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



TEN MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE OUT-
SKIRTS OF TOWN...



ENTER AS IF
NOTHING WERE
WRONG! GIVE AN
ALARM AND YOU'LL
BE DEADDER THAN A
COONSKIN CAP!
NOW OPEN
THE DOOR!

IS THAT YOU,
MARCUM?

YEP!
IT'S ME!

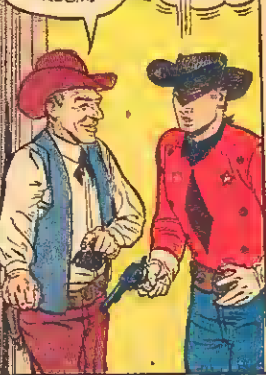
BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

YES, AND MARCUM'S
GOT COMPANY!
GASP! JIM! JIM!
DODGE! YOU'RE
ALIVE! YOU'RE
SAFE!!



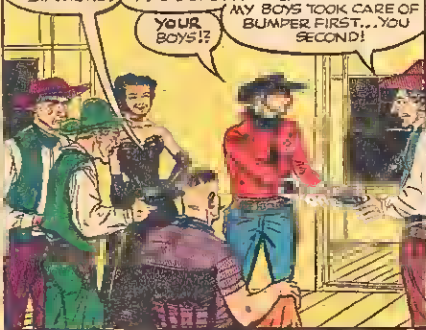
THANKS TO
YOU, BLACK
DIAMOND! THEY
WERE HOLDING
ME AS A
HOSTAGE! IT
WAS TERRIBLE!
I'LL SHOW YOU
HOW THEY
FORCED ME
TO LIVE!

TAKE A LOOK
INSIDE THIS
ROOM!



5 GASPS!
B..BUMPER!

WE'VE BEEN
PLAYED FOR
SUCKERS,
BLACK
DIAMOND!



THE EXPLANATION IS SIMPLE,
CHUM! WHEN YOU SHOWED UP IN
TOWN TONIGHT, LOLA SENT FOR
ME... LOLA BEING MY GIRL FRIEND...
AND I SPOTTED BUMPER RIGHT OFF!
MY BOYS TOOK CARE OF
BUMPER FIRST... YOU
SECOND!

YOUR
BOYS!?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW? BEING A MARSHAL IS
ONLY A FRONT! I'VE BEEN RUNNING
THIS RUSTLING GANG FOR YEARS!
TONIGHT I'M PULLING OFF MY BIGGEST
JOB: I'M DRIVING A HERD OF FIFTEEN
HUNDRED CATTLE ACROSS THE
BORDER TO A MEXICAN BUYER!
PRETTY GOOD, EH?



OF ALL THE
MISERABLE,
BACK STAB-
BING TRAITORS...
YOU'RE
THE
ROTTENEST!

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR
HAVING HARD FEELINGS...
CONSIDERING HOW YOU
CAME HERE WORRYING
ABOUT ME AND TRYING
TO RESCUE ME! HA! HA!
ISN'T THAT A LAUGH?
TAKE CARE OF 'EM,
MARCUM! THEN
MEET US AT MEXICAN
GULCH!



SURE...
SOON
AS I
SEE
THESE
TWO
BURIED
IN OUR
BACK
YARD!

OKAY, BIG SHOT!
WHERE ARE YOUR
EYES NOW? WHAT
A GOOD ARE A
MILLION EYES
TO YOU! A LITTLE
PRESSURE ON
MY TRIGGER, AN'
I BLOW OUT
BOTH OF
THEM!



DON'T BE A
FOOL, MARCUM!
WE CAN
MAKE
A DEAL! THERE'S
A MAP IN MY
POCKET--
OF A SILVER
MINE I RAN
ACROSS! I'LL
GIVE YOU THE
MAP IN
EXCHANGE
FOR OUR
LIVES!

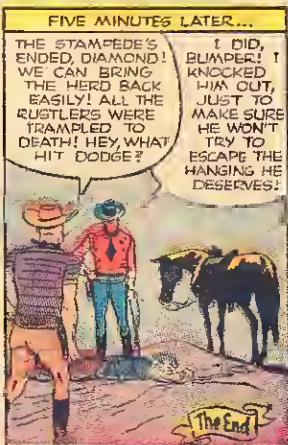
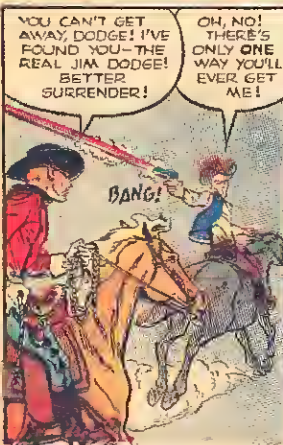
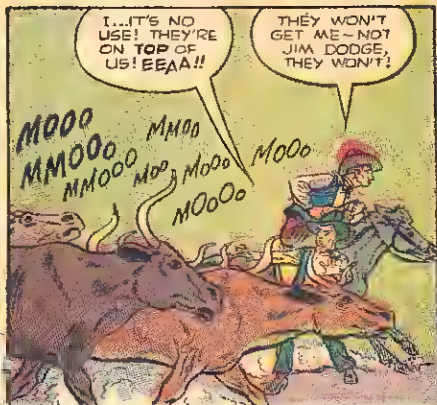
YOU SAPI! I DON'T HAVE TO
MAKE NO DEALS! I JUST TAKE
WHAT I WANT! WHERE'S THE
MAP? I DON'T FEEL
NO MAP!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



AN HOUR LATER, AT MEXICAN GULCH..



"HEADLINES OF YESTERWEST"



TREE OF DEATH CUT BY WOODSMEN!

When Henry Wickenburg stumbled across gold one day, in 1863, he little realized that the establishment of his mine, the Vulture, would create another landmark. His discovery led to the founding of what is now known as the town of Wickenburg, Arizona, and brought to the site many gunmen and renegades who had little respect for law and order. Hanging became the order of the day and 13 doomed men were strung up on a single oak which became known as the "Hangman Tree." When the tree was felled in the 1880's, it removed from memory a sordid landmark of death.

INDIAN BURNS RANCH SITE OF CHILDHOOD DAYS!

The chronicle of the white baby raised by Indians who massacred its parents was given a new twist by the case of Thomas MacWilliams, a Cherokee Indian baby who was raised as a white man. When a U. S. Army raid in 1846 wiped out three hundred of his tribe, he was adopted by a Major Snider MacWilliams and educated at an Eastern college. The young man never suspected his Indian origin until he had been told so at the time his foster father died. Armed with this information, MacWilliams returned to his native tribe, the Cherokees, and developed into a renegade redskin. A year after his return to the tribe, MacWilliams, while riding with Indian raiders, burned to the ground the Oklahoma ranch where he had been raised as a white child.



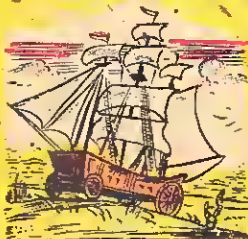
GOLD STRIKE DISRUPTS FUNERAL SERVICE!

The Wilkerson mine, staked out near Rhyolite, Nevada, in 1904, was truly a gold strike originated by the hands of fate. When saloonkeeper Billy Wilkerson died at the hands of a gunman, his body was brought to an untouched spot of ground for burial. The minister had just begun the prayer for the dead when cries of "Pay dirt!" were hollered by a sharp-eyed miner. Wilkerson's coffin was promptly hauled up and cast aside as eager gold seekers searched for the precious metal. What happened to Wilkerson's body is unknown, but his million dollar monument remains in the form of the so-called Holy Bible Bonanza.



FRONTIER FACTS

YANKEE INGENUITY



Many of our pioneer ancestors struggled across this vast continent in covered wagons pulled by oxen or horses. There were less potent adventurers, however — some of the more inventive rigged soils on their land-going craft and skimmed across the plains at good speed—wind permitting!

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IN A HURRY

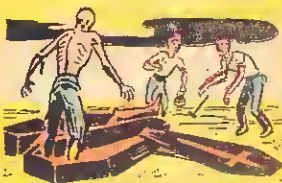
Oklahoma is called the "sooner" state. When the territory was to be opened for homesteading, land hungry pioneers were forced to wait on its boundaries for a starting gun. Some impatient settlers jumped the gun in the dark of night — and, of course, got there sooner!

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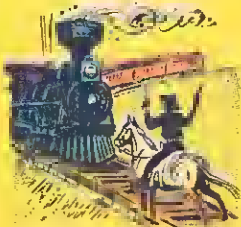
FROM BAD TO HEARSE

Western Bodmon Jim Dockrey and his brother Ed, wanted for murder in Indiono, were caught and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state pen. While working in a coffin factory in the prison the Dockrey Brothers had themselves nailed into the pine boxes, were shipped by freight bound for eastern markets. At a division point on the way they pushed their way out of their wooden kimonos and frightened some yord workmen half to death . . . but a railroad policeman felled both, and they were returned to the penitentiary!

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KETCHUM CAUGHT



Block Jack Ketchum and his gang waited by Folsom Station with the intention of holding up the Denver and Fort Worth train. Block Jack had an argument with his brother Sam, and left the gang in a huff. Later, Block Jack cooled off, and not knowing the gang had held up the train without him, decided it would be a great joke on the gang to pull the job singlehanded. He tried it—and the conductor, fuming over the first robbery, blasted Block Jack, who wound up in prison—minus his right arm!

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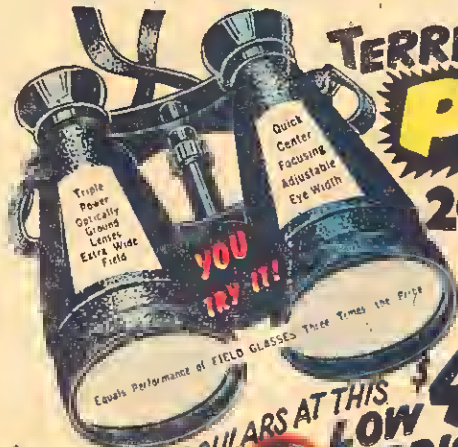
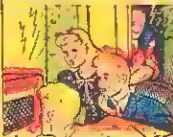
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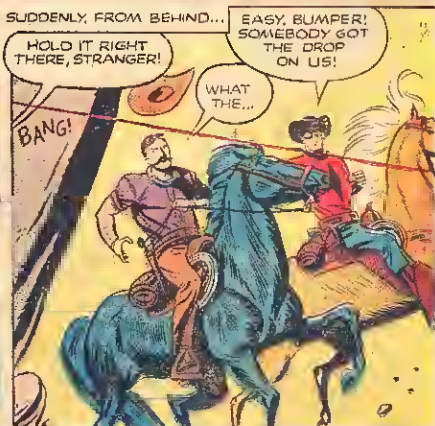
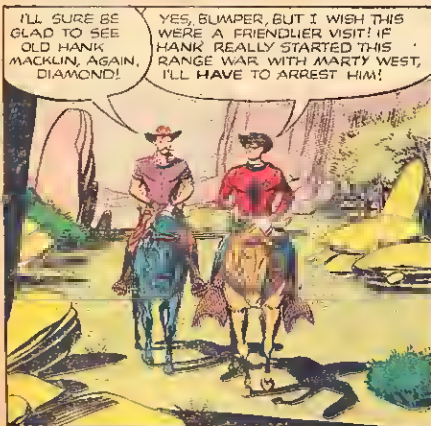
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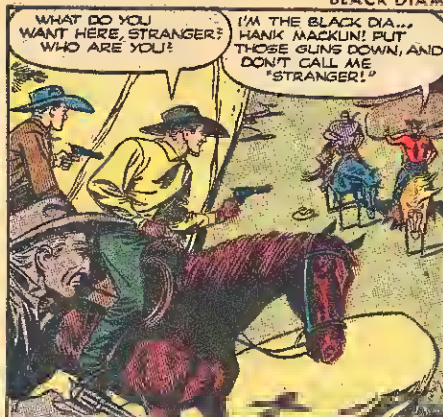
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BLACK DIAMOND

IN "BLOOD AT SNAKE CREEK"



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE, STRANGER? WHO ARE YOU?

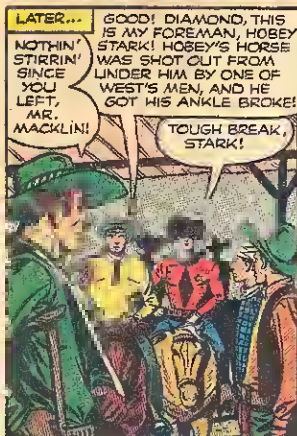
I'M THE BLACK DIA... HANK MACKLIN! PUT THOSE GUNS DOWN, AND DON'T CALL ME "STRANGER!"



DIAMOND! BUMPER! TARNATION, I'M SORRY! WITH WEST'S SHUNKS ALL OVER THE PLACE, I'VE GOTTA SHOOT FIRST, AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE A GOOD SHOT!

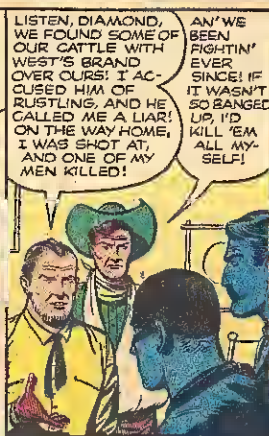
I UNDERSTAND, HANK! LET'S RIDE BACK TO YOUR RANCH! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



LATER... NOTHIN' STIRRIN' SINCE YOU LEFT, MR. MACKLIN!

GOOD! DIAMOND, THIS IS MY FOREMAN, HOBES STARK! HOBES'S HORSE WAS SHOT OUT FROM UNDER HIM BY ONE OF WEST'S MEN, AND HE GOT HIS ANKLE BROKE!

TOUGH BREAK, STARK!



LISTEN, DIAMOND, WE FOUND SOME OF OUR CATTLE WITH WEST'S BRAND OVER OURS! I ACCUSED HIM OF RUSTLING, AND HE CALLED ME A LIAR! ON THE WAY HOME, I WAS SHOT AT, AND ONE OF MY MEN KILLED!

AN' WE BEEN FIGHTIN' EVER SINCE! IF IT WASN'T SO BANGED UP, I'D KILL 'EM ALL MYSELF!

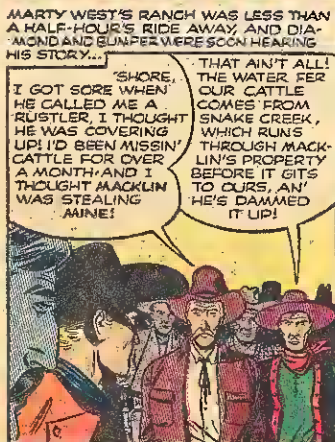


AND AS BLACK DIAMOND LEAVES THE MACKLIN RANCH...

HANK, I'M YOUR FRIEND, BUT I'VE GOT TO HEAR MARTY WEST'S SIDE OF THIS, TOO! I DON'T WANT ANY SHOOTING TILL I GET BACK!

A MAN'S GOTTA DEFEND HIMSELF!

YOU HAVE MY WORD, DIAMOND! WE WON'T START ANYTHING!



MARTY WEST'S RANCH WAS LESS THAN A HALF-HOUR'S RIDE AWAY, AND DIAMOND AND BUMPER WERE SOON HEARING HIS STORY...

"SHORE, I GOT SORE WHEN HE CALLED ME A RUSTLER. I THOUGHT HE WAS COVERING UP! I'D BEEN MISSIN' CATTLE FOR OVER A MONTH, AND I THOUGHT MACKLIN WAS STEALING 'AINE!

THAT AIN'T ALL! THE WATER FER OUR CATTLE COMES FROM SNAKE CREEK, WHICH RUNS THROUGH MACKLIN'S PROPERTY BEFORE IT GETS TO OURS, AN' HE'S DAMMED IT UP!



HE'S GOT ARMED MEN ALL AROUND THE DAM! WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT OR DIE, DIAMOND!

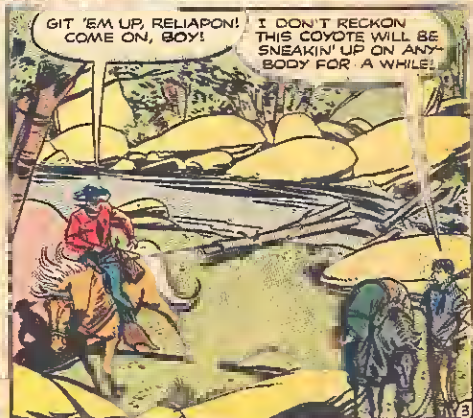
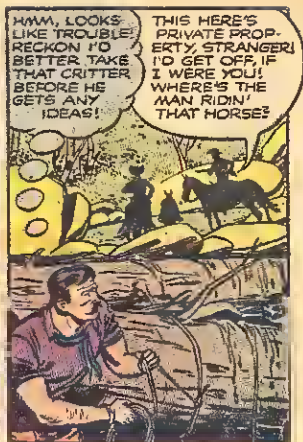
THAT SURE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HANK MACKLIN! I'LL BREAK UP THE DAM, AND THEN GO SEE HANK! I'D LIKE TO SETTLE THIS WITHOUT ANY MORE KILLINGS!



MACKLIN'S PROPERTY LINE SHOULD BE ABOUT HERE!

THE CREEK OUGHTA BE OVER THERE, DIAMOND! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN
AND AS BUMPER WENT ABOUT
HIS TASK...



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

MEANWHILE, AT THE MACKLIN RANCH...



I DON'T CARE WHAT THE MARSHAL SAID! WE BETTER TAKE CARE OF WEST BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

HOBHEY, I GAVE BLACK DIAMOND MY WORD WE WOULDN'T START ANYTHING TILL HE GOT BACK! I'M STILL BOSS HERE! WE'LL DO AS I SAY!

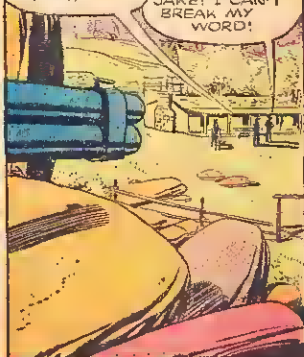
OKAY, MR. MACKLIN! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL! I'VE GOTTA TAKE CARE OF MY ANKLE, ANYHOW! I DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!

YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' SCARED, ARE YOU STARK?

...AND AS THE MUZZLE OF A GUN CREPT OVER A ROCK...

MEBBE STARK'S RIGHT, HANK!

DIAMOND'S AN OLD FRIEND. JAKE! I CAN'T BREAK MY WORD!



WELL, I'D BETTER GO LOOK AFTER THE CATTLE. I'LL BE...

YOU WERE LUCKY THAT TIME, MACKLIN! BUT THIS'LL BE ENOUGH TO CAUSE PLENTY OF TROUBLE! NOW I BETTER GIT...

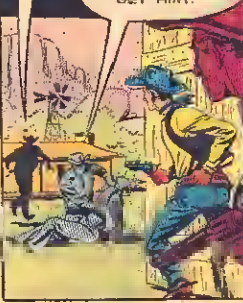
JAKE!

AGH!



WHERE'D THAT SHOT COME FROM!

JAKE'S DEAD - NEVER MIND WHO FIRED THE SHOT! SADDLE THE HORSES! MARTY WEST IS BEHIND THIS, AND WE'RE GONNA GET HIM!



MEANWHILE, THE ASSASSIN WAS PLOTTING MORE BLOODSHED...

MACKLIN'S PLENTY RILED UP NOW! GET OVER TO WEST'S AND TAKE A SHOT AT SOMEBODY! WE'VE GOTTA MAKE THIS A FIGHT TO THE FINISH!

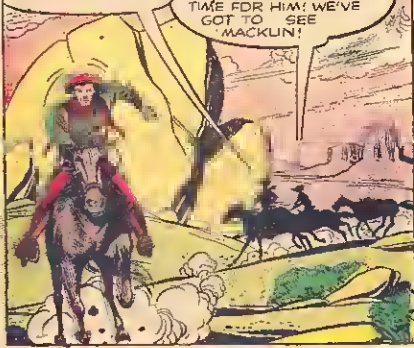
RIGHT, BOSS!



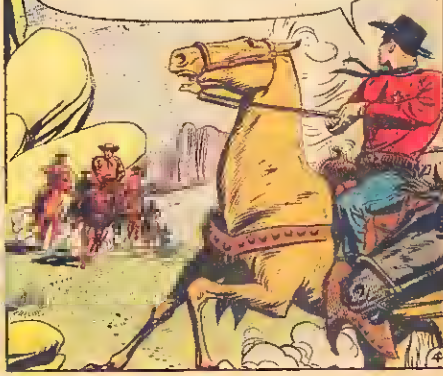
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THAT FELLOW'S IN QUITE A HURRY!

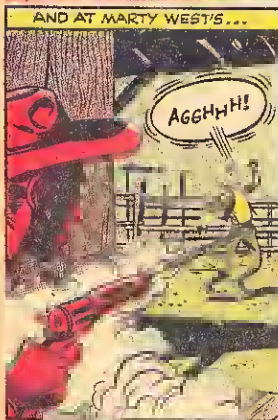
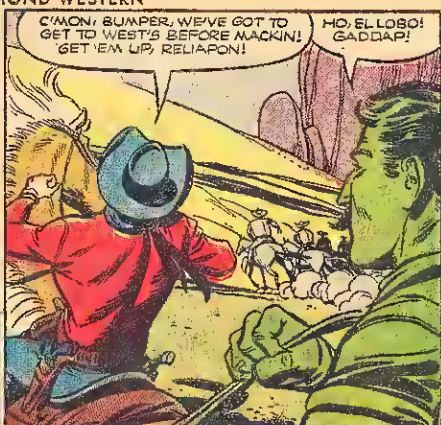
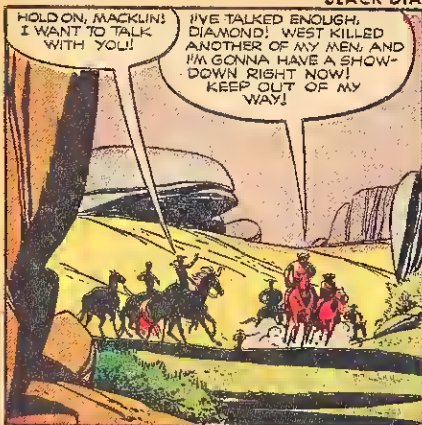
IT'S ONE OF WEST'S MEN, I THINK! C'MON, WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME FOR HIM! WE'VE GOT TO SEE MACKLIN!



WHOA, RELIAPON! THAT LOOKS LIKE MACKLIN NOW, BUMPER! WITH BLOOD IN HIS EYES! SOMETHING'S UP!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! YOU'RE GONNA LISTEN TO ME FOR A MINUTE! THE FIRST MAN WHO GOES FOR HIS GUN IS GOING TO BE THROWN IN JAIL... AND I MEAN IT!



THIS MAN WAS FOUND GUARDING A DAM THAT KEPT WATER FROM GETTING THROUGH YOUR PROPERTY TO WESTS! WESTS' CATTLE HAVE BEEN DYING OF THIRST! WHAT ABOUT IT?



WHY... HE'S ONE OF MY MEN, BUT HE WASN'T UNDER MY ORDERS! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY DAM!

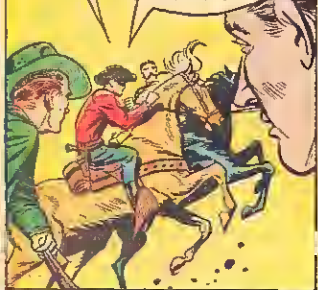
I'LL MAKE HIM TALK, DIAMOND!

NO, HE'LL TALK WHEN THE TIME COMES! LISTEN TO ME! SOMEBODY'S DOING ALL HE CAN TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN YOU TWO! BY FIGHTING, YOU'RE JUST PLAYING INTO HIS HANDS!



I'LL EXPLAIN THIS LATER! I WANT YOU ALL TO GO TO MACKLIN'S AND STAY TILL I GET THERE! AND IF THERE'S ANY SHOOTING, I SWEAR I'LL HANG THE MAN FOR MURDER!

C'MON, BUMPER, I WANT TO GET TO MACKLIN'S FIRST!



SUSPECTING THAT BLACK DIAMOND WAS CLOSE TO THE TRUTH, LUKE BROKE AWAY AND RODE FAST, TAKING A SHORT CUT TO MACKLIN'S...

THAT MARSHAL STOPPED THE RIGHT-ING, AND HE'S COVIN' HERE! HE'S GETTIN' WISE TO US!

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HIM BEFORE HE RUINS ALL OUR PLANS! GIT UP ON THE ROCKS, AND PLUG HIM WHEN HE SHOWS! I'LL STAY NEAR THE RANCH!



AREN'T WE RIDING ON TO MACKLIN'S DIAMOND?

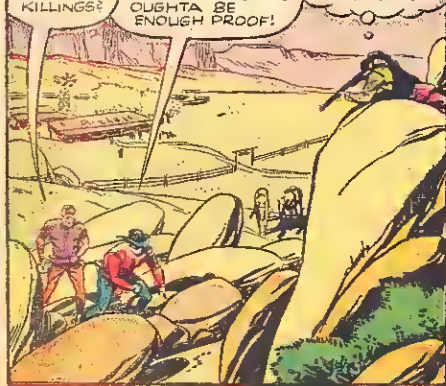
YES, BUT I WANT TO LOOK AROUND FIRST! MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THOSE ROCKS THAT'LL PROVE MY HUNCH!



DO YOU KNOW WHO'S BEHIND THE KILLINGS?

I THINK SO, BUT I CAN'T... WHOA! MAYBE I CAN! THIS OUGHTA BE ENOUGH PROOF!

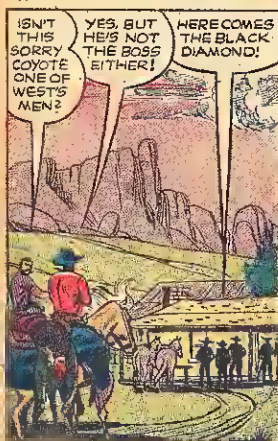
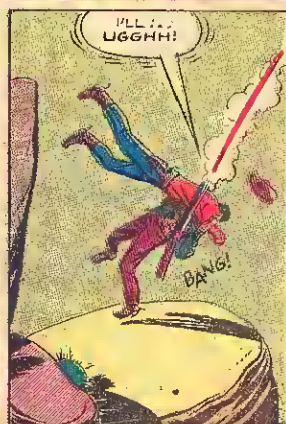
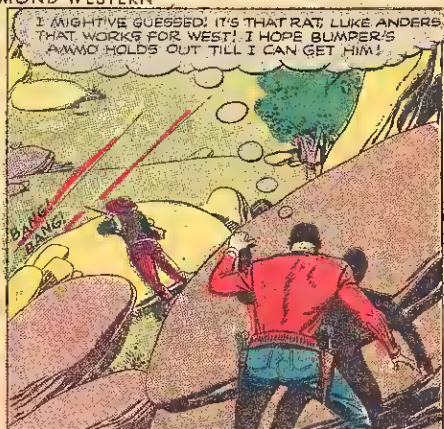
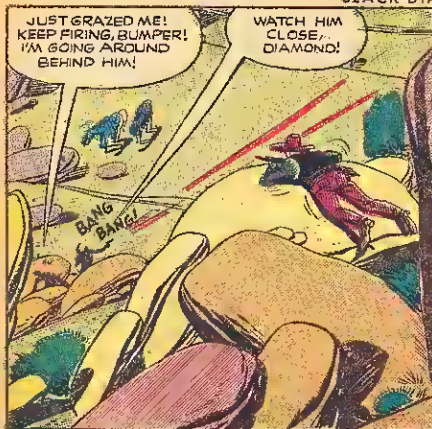
YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO PROVE ANYTHING!



C'MON, BUMPER, WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK... AHHH!

WHAT THE... GIT DOWN, DIAMOND!





BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



YOU TELL 'EM, STARK!

WHAT??

BUT... HIS FOOT?

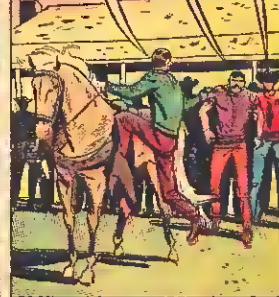
HE WASN'T HURT! HE FAKED THAT TO MAKE YOU! THINK HE'D BEEN SHOT AT AND KEEP HIM FROM GETTIN' MIXED UP IN THE SHOOTING!

YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, DIAMOND, BUT IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!

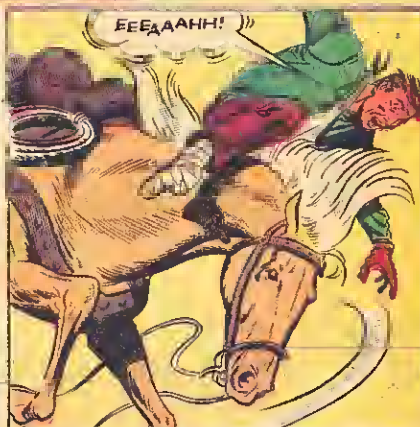
WH TAKIN' YOUR HORSE, BLACK DIAMOND! IF YOU TRY AN' STOP ME, I'LL PUT A BULLET THROUGH HIS HEAD!

I'LL...

EASY, BUMPER! HE'S PLAYIN' RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS!



WHOA, THERE, YOU DEVIL! WHOA!



FEEAAHH!



WHY THAT DIRTY...

PARDON THE MELODRAMA, FOLKS BUT I'D HAVE HAD A HARD TIME PROVING ANYTHING IF HE HADN'T CONFESSED! I KINDA FIGURED HE WOULD!

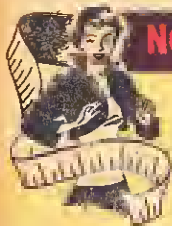


THANKS DIAMOND! WE'RE MIGHTY GRATEFUL TO YOU!

YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, HANK!

C'MON, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THESE LADS! LET'S RIDE!

THE END



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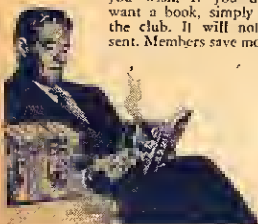
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